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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/511/Add.2)*]

54/255. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/66 of 16 December 1999 on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery,"[1]

Having considered the report of the Unit[1] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon,[2]

Having considered also the report of the Unit entitled "The United Nations system common services at Geneva, part I, Overview of administrative cooperation and coordination"[3] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon,[4] as well as the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of common services in the United Nations,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery"[1] and the comments of the Secretary-General and the

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[1] See A/54/288.

[2] A/54/288/Add.1, annex.

[3] A/53/787.

[4] See A/54/635.

[5] See A/54/157.

Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon contained in the note by the Secretary-General,[2] with the exception of paragraph 42;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Unit contained in its report entitled "The United Nations system common services at Geneva, part I. Overview of administrative cooperation and coordination"[3] and the comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon;[4]

3. *Stresses* that pursuit of common services at Geneva should be one of many tools available to organizations and managers to obtain goods and services in the most efficient and effective manner;

4. *Invites* the Unit to continue to examine common services at other duty stations where the United Nations system offices and agencies are established, where feasible, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

5. *Stresses* the importance for the Unit of using the most recent data available in its reports and, in this regard, calls upon the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system to provide timely data to the Unit;

6. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, in coordination with the Unit, to ensure the timely issuance of the reports of the Unit and the related comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination, in order to enable the General Assembly and all the governing bodies to take prompt action thereon;

7. *Encourages* the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination to take concrete steps to enhance common services, and invites legislative organs of other organizations to take similar action on the basis of the present resolution;

8. *Requests* the Unit to continue to improve its reports consistent with the requirements of its follow-up system approved by the General Assembly in resolution 54/16 of 29 October 1999, in particular the provisions of paragraph 4 of annex I to its annual report for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;[5]

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on the measures taken in connection with paragraph 7 above.

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[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/52/34).